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FOR WINSTON LORD FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: US RELATIONS WITH LDC'S

BELGRADE 3799

1. MY CONVERSATIONS WITH SECRETARY DURING PRESIDENT'S VISIT HERE AND S/P'S STUDY INDICATE US APPROACH TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND SPECIFICALLY SPECIAL SESSION STILL IN FORMULATION STAGE. BELIEVE REFTEL MAY BE OF INTEREST IN THIS REGARD. IT WAS INTENDED SUBJECT OF MY TELEPHONE CALL TO YOU AND REPRESENTS MY CONVICTION THAT IT WOULD BE A TACTICAL ERROR OF MAJOR PROPORTIONS TO PANDER TO THE REDISTRIBUTION RHETORIC OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. PROMISING MORE THAN WE CAN POSSIBLY PRODUCE WILL ONLY RESULT ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE IN THE SAME BITTERNESS AND DIVISION WHICH THE WAR ON POVERTY CREATED ON THE DOMESTIC STAGE.

2. BASIS OF MY COMMENTS IN REFTEL IS BELIEF STEMMING FROM LONG YEARS OF BARGAINING IN THE LABOR FIELD THAT WE MUST NEVER SOFT-PEDAL THE CONCEPTUAL BASIS OF OUR APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL RELATIONS IN ORDER TO GAIN EITHER TIME OR TEMPORARY FAVOR. PRINCIPLE IN FUTURE MONEY. SILBERMAN

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